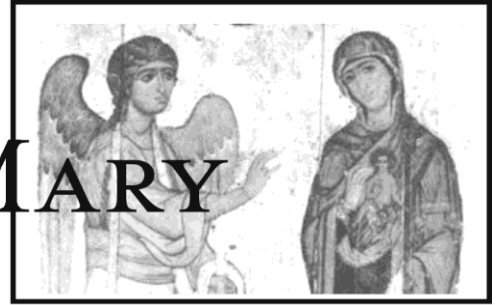


ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

Making a Difference

By Father Janusz

Art imitates real life, Aristotle said. Every day we are touched by art. More often we experience modern art. When we study this kind of art we try to find a way to understand what is created and what is being said through the art. I believe that we can recognize that many years ago the artists tried to find order in art. Today people who create art try to find an art form. What does this mean? It means that we are lost. Modern art is filled with chaos, and this art becomes a mirror in which we can recognize our civilization.

We are in the middle of summer. We spend a lot of our time outside with family members and friends. We experience nature, a different style of life for a while. This is also a very good time for conversation and thinking. Maybe this will be a good moment in time to question myself and my life. Do I do everything right, do I make the best choices in my life? What about my family members--how do I connect with them? Do I still feel responsible for them? In a little more than one month we will be back to reality. Our children will be back in school and we will be back to the daily grind.

God is giving me a lot of opportunities to make a difference in my life for the better. Do I do this? Do I make a difference every day, do I work on my happiness and joy every day? Do I share it with members of my family--especially with my children? We build our civilization every day and I depend on it, and my families' future depends on it.

Education Committee Meeting in the church library, **Thursday, August 9th, at 5:00 PM.**

RE Teachers Meeting in Marian Hall, **Thursday, August 9th, at 6:00 PM.**

The weekend of **August 11-12**, we will observe the Diocese of La Crosse 2018 Missionary Cooperative Program – Mission Appeal Sunday. Please welcome Rev. Leo Johnson, Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Menomonie. This year's appeal will assist the Tiruchirapalli Diocese, India. Please be generous in support of the missions – all checks should be made payable to the parish.

August 5, 2018

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass

Saturday

6:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Daily Mass

Tuesday

5:15 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:00 AM

Liturgy of the Hours

This ancient communal prayer of the Church is prayed after all weekday Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before all Weekend and 20 minutes before all Weekday Masses

Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before all Weekend and Weekday Masses

Bethel Home

Mass and Rosary held on 3rd Friday of each month at 10:15 AM

Norseland

Mass and rosary held on 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month at 9:30 AM

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August 5, 2018

Wednesday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Holy Day of Obligation* – Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM. The regular 8:00 AM Wednesday Mass will also be celebrated.

Parish Council Meeting in Marian Hall, **Tuesday, August 14th, at 6:30 PM.**

Finance Council Meeting in Marian Hall, **Thursday, August 16th, at 6:30 PM.**

Quilters will meet the first Wednesday in September (*5 September 2018*), in the church basement.

The parish office has **MOVED!** to the former second grade classroom in the religious education wing. The phone number remains the same – 637-7711. The parish secretary requests your patience and understanding during the settling in process. Many, many thanks from the parish secretary to an amazing moving crew: Father Janusz; Michael, Brenda, Patrick, Ian, Ava, and Frank (a.k.a., Frankie) Corr; friends Connor and David; Dan, Rhonda, and Seth Kiedinger.

The 2018-19 Annual Appeal Leadership training sign-up is now available! We encourage all pastors, secretaries, administrative assistants, coordinators and anyone else who is involved with the Annual Appeal process to attend. Please access the link below to register for a location near you!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt-GPT1Su_XyAe0_odbEXcjuwDvoUhRnD0nKdcJJEvtIGDjg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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Deacons, Catechetical Leaders and Adults who pass on the Faith - The upcoming Conference **August 10-11 [Encounter Christ in the Sacraments](#)** will be a great opportunity for all of us to gain skills in helping children and their parents to experience Jesus at Mass. Registration is \$80 and is due by July 31st. Please don't forget to invite others! Book your hotel now as there are many other events in the La Crosse area that weekend. <http://diolc.org/catechesis/witness-for-christ-conference/> for detailed information, to download a brochure, or to register online.

Want to love your spouse like God wants you to? Spouses know that great love is possible within the midst of the daily demands, yet at times, it can be difficult to show it as we could. Consider attending a Domestic Church retreat. Get real, concrete help so you can tap into what God has in store for you. Attending a retreat is your opportunity to begin a spiritual journey together (or deepen what already exists). It is also an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. The next retreat is **August 16-19th** in La Crosse, WI. To register for the retreat, go to: diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/. Direct all questions to aheinzen@diolc.org.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a program that helps couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage to find forgiveness and renewed love and trust. Countless couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages have successfully rebuilt loving relationships using this program. Presenters are couples who have been there. For information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **August 17-19, 2018**, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) *Fully confidential!*, or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Save the Date! Sunday, October 21, 2018, the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry along with The 177 Project will be sponsoring a Sesquicentennial Celebration for all high school youth. Details are coming soon.

August 5, 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend July 29, 2018
Adults: \$1,913.10
Offertory: \$424.00
Youth: \$2.00
Total: \$2,339.10
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

Saints of the Week

- *St. Sixtus II & Companions
- *St. Cajetan
- *St. Dominic
- *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- *St. Lawrence
- *St. Clare

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, 4 August, 6:00 PM +Carletta Bausch**
(Wayne Bausch)
- Sunday, 5 August, 7:30 AM +Larry Humfeld**
(Joyce & Roger Humfeld)
- Sunday, 5 August, 11:00 AM + People of the Annunciation of the BVM Parish**
- Monday, 6 August, +No Mass**
- Tuesday, 7 August, 5:15 PM +Paul Penchi, Jr.**
(Jerry & Paula Cina)
- Wednesday, 8 August, 8:00 AM +Virginia Leis & Dottie Rangamy**
(Jim & Shirley Wuench)
- Thursday, 9 August, 8:00 AM +Paul Penchi, Sr.**
(Paul Penchi Family)
- Friday, 10 August, 8:00 AM +PCCW**
(PCCW)
- Saturday, 11 August, 6:00 PM +Jim & Ann Graham 59th Wedding Anniversary**
(Jim & Ann Graham)
- Sunday, 12 August, 7:30 AM +Carletta Bausch**
(Wayne Bausch)
- Sunday, 12 August, 11:00 AM +Larry & Lila Cina and Family**
(Barbara & Royal Ros)

The parish is seeking applicants for a part-time Director of Religious Education. If interested, please contact Father Janusz - (715) 456-1450 or the parish office – (608) 637-7711.

Contact Director: Ann Lankford – 608-791-2658/alankford@diolc.org regarding **New Catechetical Leader Training and Ongoing Catechist Training** - New DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers are encouraged to attend a day of training on Wednesday, August 22 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center.

Monday, August 6th from 4-5, Vernon County Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, Maplewood Terrace, 620 S. Garfield, Viroqua. Cynthia Meisner, an experienced Speech Therapist, will join us to discuss speech as it relates to dementia and Alzheimer's. There is always a lot of discussion and learning with this group! Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, August 7th 1:15 PM Auxiliary Meeting; 2:00 PM Program and Refreshments by Skogdalen Lutheran Church. To be held in Bethel Home's Fellowship Room. Everyone welcome!

Monday, August 13th at 1 PM, Golf Outing, Viroqua Hills Golf Course. Get your golfing buddies together and get registered for the 20th annual Bethel Home Golf Outing! Shotgun start, 4-person scramble. \$85 per person includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner. Dinner only is \$25 per person.

Sunday, August 19th from 7 AM – 11 AM, Cowboy Breakfast (Wild West Days) at the Community Arena, 858 Nelson Parkway, Viroqua. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, orange juice, coffee, and milk. More information to be available soon!

This week we highlight **Thorson Funeral Home** as the bulletin sponsor of the week.
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Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish's Mission Statement


As a community of faith, St. Mary Parish celebrates the love of Jesus through sacred worship and religious education; we cherish the dignity of each person, and we aspire to minister to all. We revere our history, embrace God's presence among us each day, and walk hopefully into the future.

CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED: Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2018 Fall Retreat/Seminar, Sept. 28 - 30, 2018** for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering Short-term mission service. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School in Chicago. Working in partnership with Loyola Stritch Medical School, medical professionals will also have the opportunity to obtain CME for attending the weekend. Visit: www.MissionDoctors.org/loyola or call the office for more information (213) 368-1872. Those interested are invited to [visit the web site to learn more](#), complete an application, and register for the weekend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at efrederick@missiondoctors.org or 213-368-1875.

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